

U.S. Department of the Army

Army Nurse Corps

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IPAP / AECP / HPSP / PT / MSW / 70B Briefings



Overview

- Purpose: Educate Soldiers, Leaders and educators on the educational opportunities offered by the AMEDD.
 - IPAP/AECP programs
 - HPSP
 - PT Baylor Program
 - MSW
 - 70B



- AMEDD COMMISSIONING PROGRAMS
 Managed by USAREC Fort Knox
 - Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP)
 - -AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP)



AMEDD COMMISSIONING PROGRAMS

- Managed by local AMEDD recruiter
 - -Health Profession Scholarship Program (HPSP)
 - -Physical Therapy Baylor Program
 - -Masters in Social Work (MSW)
 - Medical Service Corp Officer (70B)



What is an Army PA?

- Military health care professional certified to practice medicine with physician supervision.
- The AMEDD's primary medical provider in battalion and division level TO&E units "From the Line, For the Line"

Echelon I/II Subject Matter Expert



What is an Army Nurse?

 Military health care professional certified in Nursing.

 The AMEDD's primary medical professional in the hospital.

Echelon III/IV/V Subject Matter Expert



IPAP/AECP STARTING POINT

- 1.Research the professions.
- 2.Meet with someone in the profession
- 3.Discuss the options with your family and friends (your support during the training).
- 4.Meet with your education center counselor about your educational goals, aspirations, and paths.

IPAP/AECP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants

- All applicants must submit a DA Photo dated within 12 months of board date.
 - If deployed ACU photo is okay. Recommend a DA photo
 - Geographical issues may use commercial photographer with DA Photo standards
 - Below E-5 may require COC memo for the photo
- Passing APFT after 01 Oct
 - Must be Certified by CDR/1SG
- Height and Weight or Tape Test IAW 600-9.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Letter of Intent (LOI)

- Very important!
- Must be typed.
- Your opportunity to address the board in your own words.
- Have more than one person review your LOI.
 - Professional who is writing the Letter of recommendation.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Letter's of recommendation

- First line supervisor
- Commander
- Officer of the profession (PA/Chief nurse)
- Maximum of 5 letters
- May use USAREC Form 195 (AECP must)
- May use Memorandum format
 - addressed to the board

It's not who you know. It's who knows you.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Educational/academic

- Must have a SAT within 5 years of application deadline.
 - Minimum of 450 in math and reading
 - Combined score of math plus reading must be equal to or great than 1000 (IPAP Only)
 - SAT Improvement Program:

http://sat.eknowledge.com/military.asp



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Educational/academic

- Academic work sheet (USAREC Form 1235)
 - include <u>all courses and letter grades.</u>
- Official transcripts sent to the USAREC Program managers
- NO degree is required to apply for these programs



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Educational/academic

Continued

- Grade Point Averages
 - Overall GPA <u>must</u> be 2.5 or greater
 - Derived from official transcripts of all schools ever attended
 - Science GPA <u>must</u> be 2.5 or greater
 - Derived from all science related courses
 - Includes clinical courses

NOTE: AECP Math and Science Combined GPA

- Math, Chemistry and Biological Sciences combined



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Qualified for appointment IAW AR 601-100, and AR 40-501
- ORB/ERB must be certified true copy from your Commander or 1SG.
- Applicant must meet current HRC policy for "Time on Station" (TOS 24 months) prior to the projected school start date; Human Resources Command (HRC) clearance will be initiated for those selected to participate.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- DA 61
- Military career paperwork
 - NCOER's/OER's
 - -1059's
 - Awards
 - Professional training certificates
 - DD 214/NGB



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- MILPO Statement: Must have all questions answered by your MILPO concerning UCMJ actions or flags.
- USAR/ARNG/AGR soldiers must have a signed DD 368 Conditional Release IAW current OCAR policy.
- Must have a Letter or email of release from branch
 If branch says "No", ask. "When?".
- Must have an interim or approved Secret or higher security clearance dated after 31 Dec year prior to board

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

<u>Commissioning</u> Physical (Original or original signature)

- DD 2807-1/DD 2808
- No older than 12 months from board date.
- Send certified true copies.
- Must include ETOH, Drug Screen and HIV tests with lab printout.
 - All applicants (Enlisted, Warrant Officer, Officers)
 - "Qualified for Commissioning IAW AR 40-501 CHAPTER 2"
- ♣ P2 Profiles are considered on a case-by-case basis for a waiver
- ▲ P3 profiles are ineligible (Non-waiverable)



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

WAIVERS

- Submit all documentation pertaining to waiver with a request citing the circumstances and conditions
 - Age in Grade (over 32 at commissioning)
 - Time in Service (less than 3 yrs or more than 8 yrs)
 - Convictions (If you answered yes DA 61 item 26)
 - Include all court documents and outcome. A letter of support from your Chain of Command is looked at favorably!
 - Medical (IAW AR 40-501)
 - Include Consult and Recommendation from appropriate clinician

IPAP/AECP/MSW APPLICATION

Enlisted

- GT Score 110+ (Non Waiverable)
- Age waiver is required if over 32 YOA upon commissioning
- Physical must meet accession IAW AR 40-501
 Ch 2.
 - So you may be retainable, but not able to attend these programs.
- Just as competitive as an officer.
- Even if you are not in the medical field, you are competitive.

- Officer/Warrant Officers
 - GT is not required
 - SAT is required regardless of degree status
 - No age waiver is required
 - Physical must meet chapter 2.
 - You are just as competitive as a 68W/18D









Brief History of the PA

- 1965- First PA program at Duke University
- 1967- First graduate of Duke program
- 1971- Congress authorized Army to train PAs
- 1973- First Army PAs graduated at Ft Sam Houston
- 1980- First specialty training authorized
- 1984- PAs assigned to White House Medical Unit
- 1992-PAs commissioned as regular line officers in the Army Medical Specialist Corps (formerly Warrant Officers)
- 1996-Fort Sam Houston selected as the site for the Interservice PA Program (IPAP)

Bottom Line Up Front

- Convert 60 SH to a Master Degree in 29 months
- Earn a wonderful profession as a Physician Assistant
- Become an Officer
- Accelerated Promotion to CPT
 - 15 months after graduation



Duties of an Army PA

- Provide advanced trauma management
- Conduct physical exams
- Diagnose and treat illnesses
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests
- Counsel on preventive health care
- Assist in surgery
- Write prescriptions



Duties of an Army PA

- Provide soldier healthcare at Level I/II
- Treat all categories of beneficiaries
- Primary medical trainer to unit medics and combat lifesavers
- Serve as medical platoon leader
- Special staff officer to the commander
- Preventive medicine/field sanitation
- Medical logistics
- Other duties as assigned



Interservice PA Program (IPAP)

Phase I (Didactic)
VERY CHALLENGING, BUT,
ANYTHING WORTH HAVING IS!

- 64 weeks
- 1815 Contact hours (class room) A&P, chemistry, pathology, radiology, pharmacology, psychiatry, OB/GYN, orthopedics, infectious diseases, etc.



Interservice PA Program (IPAP)

- Phase II (2890 hours)
 - 21 different clinical sites
 - 52 weeks
- Clinical rotations include:
 - FamilyMedicine/PrimaryCare
 - Internal Medicine

- Ophthalmology
- Psychiatry
- Pediatrics
- Dermatology
- OB/GYN
- Orthopedics
- Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- ENT/Allergy



Phase II Sites

- Fort Benning
- Fort Belvoir
- Fort Bliss
- Fort Bragg
- Fort Campbell
- Fort Carson
- Fort Hood
- Fort Knox
- Fort Leonard Wood

- Fort Polk
- Fort Riley
- Fort Sill
- Fort Stewart
- Tripler AMC
- West Point
- By exception only
 - Air Force locations



Interservice PA Program (IPAP)

- Bachelor Science Degree from University of Nebraska at end of phase I
- Master Degree in Physician Assistant from University of Nebraska upon completion of 29 months program
- 54 months Active Duty Service Obligation
- USAR 6 years SELRES + 2 years



Basic Qualifications

- Enlisted, Commissioned, Warrant Officer, or Cadet (Any Service)
- USAR IPAP seats are only open for USAR Soldiers
- Active duty IPAP seats are open for all components and branches
- USAR no minimum time requirement, but must request a waiver if > 8 years of service (if applying for a USAR IPAP seat).



Educational Prerequisites

- 60 semester hours
- The following 30SH must be in residence: (In accredited class or internet (online) course with letter grade of C or better. You MAY NOT use MOS,CLEP,DANTES to satisfy requirement)
 - 6 hours English (3SH Writing)
 - 6 hours Humanities ex Social Sciences,
 Government, History, Art etc...
 - 3 hours of Psychology (any type)



Educational Prerequisites

Continue

- 6 hours Chemistry (general or higher) ***No Lab is required it can be taken online.
 - Intro to Chemistry is NOT acceptable.
- •3 hours Anatomy (Human)
 - Intro class are acceptable
- 3 hours Physiology (Human)
- 3 hours of College Algebra or higher math (NOT intro or intermediate.)

Academic Delay / Alternate

- May apply with 3 required courses or less (15 SH or less) in progress after application due date (1 Mar)---
- Coursework must be complete NLT 31 Dec 12
- If selected as Academic Delay:
 - Slot for attendance is guaranteed <u>if</u> you complete all coursework NLT 31 Dec 12
- Gives 2nd chance and more time for academics
- Must reapply the following year if not selected.



Requirements Completion Course (RCC)

- Assigns Soldiers to AMEDD C&S while they complete 17SH or less of IPAP prerequisite courses.
- May only be missing Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, or Algebra.
- Applicant is responsible for all tuition and costs.
 Tuition Assistance may be available.

Requirements Completion Course (RCC)

- Higher SAT requirement (Non-Waiverable)
 - Minimum composite 1100 (math + reading)
- Must have a 3.0 overall GPA at the time of application (Non-Waiverable)
- Have 45 SH College Credit
 - 15 must be resident prerequisite credits
 - Must have 6 SH English, 3 SH Psych., 6SH Humanities



IPAP Specific Application Documents

- Curriculum Vitae
- DA 160 with dates of desired class priority preference
 - Jan/April/Aug
- Officers DA 71 oath of office
- Officers provide appointment letter
- ROTC must include ROTC contract



Application Process

- AR 601-20, The IPAP
- MILPER message new each FY:
 - FY 2011 MILPER Message 10-229
- POC: MAJ Dawn Orta PA-C at USAREC
 (502) 626-0386 DSN 536-0386
- E-mail: ipap@usarec.army.mil email with request for FY 2012 application information.
- Application <u>deadline</u> 1 Mar
- Selection Board: June
- Results posted: Aug MILPER MSG
- Attend January, April, or August



What will my rank be?

- Everyone accumulates months towards promotion during school
- ENLISTED
 - E-4 and below will be paid as E-5
 - E-5 and above maintain their pay grade
 - All wear "OCS"
 - Graduate as 1LT with 2 years of constructive credit, eligible for CPT in 15 months



What will my rank be?

OFFICERS

 Will arrive at school with their new rank based on constructive credit: Take the total months served as an officer, as of report date of class (tentatively use 1 Jan of school year). Divide that number by 2. If it equals 18 you will be a 1LT. If it equals 37 months you will be a CPT. (sample is AD officer, AR officer is different)



What will my rank be?

- WARRANT OFFICERS
 - Will attend school wearing their Warrant Officer rank



ENDPOINT

- MASTER DEGREE IN 29 months
- ARMY OFFICER
- ACCELERATED 1st PROMOTION
- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
 - Great Military Career
 - Great Civilian Career
- Continue to serve this great country



The Army PA

- Specialty Training
 - Aviation Medicine
 - Eligible after 4 years post graduate experience
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Occupational Medicine
 - Orthopedics
 - Preventive Medicine
 - Intensivist
 - Adult Education
 - Public Health
 - Health administration



QUESTIONS?



"From the Line, For the Line"



IPAP contact information

- All questions regarding the Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) may be directed to MAJ Dawn Orta, Program Manager at: (800)223-3735 extension 60386
- ▲ E-mail address: ipap@usarec.army.mil
 - E-mail is the best means of communication.
- ↑ https://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa



AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP)





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PROGRAM HISTORY

▲ 1990: The AECP was approved for soldiers in MOS 91C only.

▲ 1992: Opened to all 91/68 series MOS's.

▲ 1994: Opened to all Enlisted MOS's.

▲ 2008: Opened up to Guard and Reserve soldiers



The AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP)

The AECP provides eligible enlisted soldiers of the active component the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN), become a licensed registered nurse in the Army Nurse Corps and commissioned as a 2LT. All soldiers in the program receive their current pay and allowances during school, plus academic costs during enrollment period.

Program Requirements

- Applicant's must be an enlisted member of the Active component, U.S. ARMY. Reserve or Guard, must be MOS qualified and able to obtain a conditional release.
- ▲ E-4 and above only
- The school of nursing must be accredited by the NLNAC or CCNE.
- ↑ The applicant must be able to complete the program within 24 calendar months or less no exceptions to this policy.



Program Requirements (cont'd)

- Must be U.S. Citizen.
- ▲ Applicant must start school in the FY for which selected. (No earlier than 1 Oct and NLT 30 Sep)
- ▲ Jan or Feb 13 starts must have Letter of Acceptance Conditional or Unconditional at time of board.
- ▲ May-Aug 13 starts must be within 9 SH (no more than 6 SH may be Math or Science) of meeting all pre-req's at time of the board (Aug)



Program Requirements (cont'd)

- Tuition must not exceed \$9,000 per school year. (<u>No exceptions</u>)
- Applicant must maintain full-time status during each semester as required by their school. (including summer semesters if required to attend). (No exceptions)
- Must attend in classroom sessions no online classes
- ▲ Applicants:
 - * Receive full pay and benefits in current grade held
 - **▲ Eligible for promotions**



Educational Requirements

- Most schools require:
 - ▲ Math/Statistics 6 hours
 - Natural Sciences 23 hours (anatomy and physiology, chemistry)
 - Social Sciences 9 hours (psychology/sociology/growth and development)
 - ▲ English 6 hours (must include English Comp)
 - Humanities 3 hrs (literature/philosophy)

Requirements may vary by individual school programs.

▲ Schools will determine max credit given for all on-line, MOS / CLEP / DANTES / or transfer courses.

Boarding Information

- Packets must be received by 1 March.
 - ▲ Packets will not be accepted past the deadline date unless prior arrangements have been made between the applicant and Program Manager.
 - ▲Transcripts and school letters may be updated prior to board convening.
- ▲ Selection Board- Convene tentatively August 2012.
- △ Official results will be posted via MILPER message. This will be the official notification to all applicants of the boards selection results.



AECP Packet Initiation

(Posted on line)

APPLICATION INITIATION

IN ORDER TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL OF BECOMING AN ARMY NURSE, I NEED YOU TO SEND ME THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO INITIATE YOUR APPLICATION FOR FY 2012:

SUBJECT: RANK, LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, I (MOS)

BODY OF EMAIL:

I plan on applying this year to the AECP. I (have) or (don't have) the prerequisite courses: (If you are missing courses, list them).

I (require) or (don't) require a wavier. Waivers required are: example TIS, Age etc...

Please indicate which category your application falls in:

- (1) Fully Qualified I meet all of the requirements for the course and I don't require any waivers.
- (2) Partially Qualified I meet all of the requirements except Age, GT Score, SAT score, etc..

I learned about the program through: The Army Times, Army News Service, Education Center, Military RN etc....

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v/r IWANTA B. RN SSG, USA

Important Documents

- The following documents must be dated within 6 months at the time application is received:
 - ▲ DA form 4187 (signed by **Battalion Commander O-5** or above) with the following information:
 - Army Physical Fitness Test Results and Date.
 ➤ (Dated after 1 Oct).
 - → Height and Weight or Tape Test IAW 600-9.



COMMAND AND CONTROL

- AN Branch (USAREC): Fort Knox, KY is responsible for the following:
 - Selection boards
 - ▲ Program enrollment
 - ▲ Academic tracking "Prior to attending school"
 - Contracts, and Orders into the AECP
- AMEDD Student Detachment (Fort Sam Houston) and Program Director (Fort Knox) are responsible for the following actions:
 - ▲ Personnel administration (in/out processing, personal finance's, etc.)
 - ▲ UCMJ authority
 - ▲ Academic tracking " During the program" USAREC form 2125
 - ▲ Enforcement of program policy
 - Commissioning Ceremony
 - Assignments



Important Documents cont'd.

Applicants must obtain an unconditional letter of acceptance no less than 90 days prior to the term start date to receive orders for the AMEDD Student Detachment

Important Documents (cont'd)

- School Letter
 - Unconditional
 - Fully accepted into the BSN program at your chosen school.
 - ▲ All letters must have the dates that the soldier will start school and the anticipated graduation date from the BSN program.
 - ▲ All letters must have a course breakdown (DA 2125) as well as the cost of each semester (one letter for each school).
 - ▲ School must be within **50 miles** of an **ARMY** M



While Attending School (SM responsibilities)

- Pass your classes (first time, every time)
- DA 2125's (grade reports) sent to the Program Director (Ft Knox) at the end of every semester.
- ▲ Class enrollment schedule with cost due prior to starting each semester, sent to Program Director.
- ▲ Maintain military bearing (you are still a soldier).
- Report any problems or changes immediately to Program Director (morale, physical, school, address, phone number and email).

The NCLEX What is it?

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) has one purpose: To determine if it is safe for you to begin practice as an entry level nurse. It is different from any test that you have ever took in nursing school. Nursing school exams are knowledge based. The NCLEX, however, is application based. You will be tested on how you use your critical thinking skills to make nursing judgements.

https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm



Questions??







CONTACT INFORMATION

- All questions regarding the Army Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP) may be directed to the Program Manager at:
- ▲ (800) 223-3735 extension 60381
- ▲ E-mail address: aecp@usarec.army.mil
 - ▲ **E-mail** is the best means of communication.
- https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/621795



HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM









Medical, Dental and Veterinary School Without the Loans

The U.S. ARMY offers one of the most generous and comprehensive scholarships available in health care today. It's called the F. Edward Hebert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP).

Whether you want to become a Physician, Dentist, Veterinarian, Optometrist, Clinical or Counseling Psychologist.

Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)

If you are planning a career in health care program, it pays to look into the ARMY's HPSP now more than ever before. It provides benefits while you're in school and benefits after you graduate. According to the American Medical Association, the average cost of four years of medical school has risen to more than \$200,000. Add to that your living expense, the startup costs of opening your own practice once you become a Physician plus the rising cost of malpractice insurance and you can be why the ARMY HPSP is a wise choic

What does the scholarship pay?

100 Percent Tuition! You pick out the school. The ARMY picks up the tab.

Books, Fees and More

Besides tuition, HPSP pays for your required books, nonexpendable equipment and most academic fees. Since the ARMY is paying for the major portion of your school expenses, you can afford to enroll at the school of your choice.

Monthly Allowance

Monthly stipend of more than \$2,088, adjusted each July, for 10and-a half months of each school year. As the cost of living increases, the monthly stipend also increases.

Hold a commission as a 2LT (MSC) in the IRR while in school

Upon Graduation commission as a CPT onto Active Duty



Eligibility

To qualify for the HPSP scholarship, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited school
- Depending upon your specialty, be enrolled in or have a letter of acceptance or intent from an accredited graduate program located in the United States or Puerto Rico.
- Maintain full-time student status during the entire length of the program
- Qualify as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserve

UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY of the Health Sciences

- Obtain your MD while receiving full pay and allowances at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences School of Medicine. Graduates of this program earn a medical degree and receive a commission as Captain in the Army Medical Corps. Requirements include:
- A baccalaureate degree
- Coursework in biology, organic and inorganic chemistry, physics, English and calculus
- A letter of approval, if you are currently a member of the U.S. Army Contact Information
- Eligible for a commission University of the Health Sciences

4301 Jones Bridge Road Bethesda, Maryland 20814 800-772-1743 (SOM Admissions) 800-772-1747 (Graduate Education)

http://www.usuhs.mil





U.S. Army-Baylor University Doctoral Program

PHYSICALTHERAPY



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- Earn your doctorate in physical therapy in a 27-month program which emphasizes preventing, examining and diagnosing neuromusculoskeletal problems.
- Requirements include:
 - Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in biological sciences, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, physics, social sciences or statistics
 - Applicants in their final semester will also be considered
 - Minimum overall GPA requirement of 3.1 on a 4.0 scale
 - Minimum cumulative score of 1000 on the GRE
 - U.S. citizenship
 - At least 100 volunteer observation hours in a physical therapy clinic
 - Between 21 and 40 years of age (may request a waiv



U.S. Army-Baylor University Doctoral Program

PHYSICALTHERAPY



Contact Army-Baylor

Ms. Cynthia Quiroz - Education Technician

Phone: 210-221-8410

http://www.baylor.edu/graduate/pt/splash.p

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Masters in Social Work Program

- •ARMY MSW Program was created to serve as a force multiplier applicants are equipped to practice social work in a military community during their MSW and phase II internship
- Program includes 2 phases:
 - Academic phase 1 (9 (with BSW) to 14 months (non BSW)
 - ▶ 61 semester hours for non-Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) students or 35 SH w/BSW.
 - Internship phase (24 months)
- Students incur a 5 years and 2 months ADSO upon licensure as CSW

http://www.uncfsu.edu/sw/fortsam/fortsam.htm



MSW Program Prerequisites

- MILPER Message 11-127 FY 2012 application
- Must be prepared for entry into graduate social work education.
- Enlisted applicants must:
 - Have a liberal arts undergraduate degree (Preferably in the sociology, psychology, SW, political science or criminal justice)
- MSW program students must have completed undergraduate coursework in: three (3) Humanities, 18 semester hours of social and/or behavioral sciences, and three (3) semester hours of human biology.

http://www.uncfsu.edu/sw/fortsam/fortsam.htm



MSW Program Prerequisites

- Have an undergrad GPA of 3.0+ on a 4.0 scale
- Score 850 on GRE within 5 years of program start date (completed by 31 July)
- Be able to fulfill the service obligation
- Meet the MSW program admission requirements
- Meet the legal requirements to become a commissioned MSC officer
- Completed less than 7 years of active federal service.
- Application deadline is 01 Oct
- http://www.uncfsu.edu/sw/fortsam/fortsam.htm



70B/MSC

- Want to become an officer in the AMEDD, but do not have a specialty degree?
- Board meets once per year
- Must meet accession standards as previously discussed
- Get with your local AMEDD Recruiter
- USAR mission for FY 2012



72D/MSC

- Environmental Science Officer (ESO)
 - Bachelorette in Environmental Science or Environmental Health (consider biology or community health)



POC

- Fort Sam Houston
 - AMEDD recruiter
 - Phone # 210 692-7376
 - Address: 2040 Babcock road

Suite 406

San Antonio, TX 78229

